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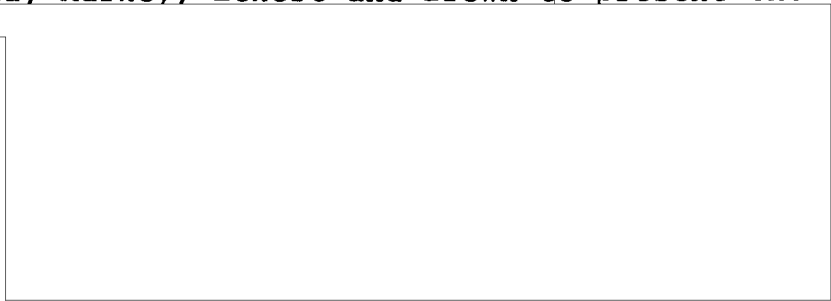
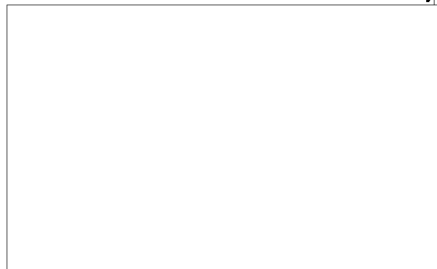
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The Honorable Joseph P. Addabbo
Chairman
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have your letter of 25 July requesting cooperation in briefing Messrs. O'Brien, Mineta, Markey, Eckert and Brown on the current situation and outlook regarding the American hostages in Lebanon. I appreciate the pressure you and they are under from the families and share the sense of anger and frustration that the families and their congressional representatives feel. I conveyed this, along with my assurances that the Administration is earnestly and continuously working toward release of the hostages, to Congressman O'Brien in a telephone conversation last week.

I am willing to have Clair George meet personally with Messrs. O'Brien, Mineta, Markey, Eckert and Brown to present the facts as we know them,



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I am aware that Congressman O'Brien discussed this subject at length during breakfast with Acting Secretary of State Whitehead. I'm not at all sure that Clair George can convey anything new or different; he cannot speak to the prognosis for release. But if his knowledge of the facts and his personal familiarity with the realities of life in that part of the world can in some way be helpful, I do wish to cooperate, repeating, as I must, the caveats as to passage of the information to the families and staff exclusion from the briefing.

Sincerely,



William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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